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USB TYPE-C TO BE COMMON CHARGING PORT FOR ALL E-DEVICES FROM 2025

The Ministry of Consumer Affairs has made a recommendation to the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology in this regard

FRAMEWORK COMING SOON

- Following the recommendation, the IT ministry is expected to come up with a framework for manufacturers soon
- Using a standard Type-C charger for portable electronic devices, such as mobile phones and laptops, will help India reduce e-waste

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CONSUMER AFFAIRS MINISTRY WANTS PORTABLEE-DEVICE MANUFACTURERS TO COMPLY WITH THE RULE BY THIS DATE

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Nehru purged from an iconic museum name

Triggers war of words between Cong, BJP

PARVEZ SULTAN AND RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

INDIA'S first prime minister Jawaharlal Nehru just lost an iconic institution named after him in Delhi, which triggered a fierce slugfest between the heads of the Congress and the BJP on Friday.

It all began after the executive council of the Nehru Memorial Museum and Library Society's decision to rechristen it as the Prime Ministers' Museum and Library Society (PMLS) became public.

The announcement touched off a war of words between Mallikarjun Kharge and J P Nadda, national presidents of the Congress and the BJP, respectively. Kharge lit into the BJP, saying, "Those who don't have any history have moved to erase the history of others." He condemned the name change, stating that it cannot diminish the stature of Nehru, who was the architect of modern India and a fearless guardian of democracy.

"This only shows the low mentality and dictatorial attitude of BJP-RSS. The narrow thinking of the Modi government cannot diminish the immense contribution of 'Jawahar of Hind' to India!" the Congress president fumed.

Nadda, however, dismissed Kharge's charges as a "classic example of political indigestion". He highlighted the inability of the Congress to accept the fact that there are leaders beyond one dynasty who have served and built the nation.

"PM Sangrahalaya is an effort beyond politics, and Congress lacks the vision to realise this," he alleged.

The decision to change the name was taken at the executive council's meeting on Thursday so as to reflect the present activity there, which includes a museum "depicting the collective journey of democracy in Independent India and highlighting the contribution of each prime minister in nation-building", the culture ministry said.

Defence minister Rajnath Singh, the vice president of the Society, presided over the meeting. Nripendra Misra, chairman of the council, said the new name expresses the couuntry's deep commitment to democracy.

The museum, built at a cost of ₹271 crore, is on a 10,000 square metre piece of land adjacent to the old building, which served as the residence of Nehru. The Teen Murti Bhavan was built in the 1930s during the British Raj.

The NMML, renamed as Pradhanmantri Sangrahalaya, in New Delhi | PTI

Established in 1964

The NMML, established in 1964, is an autonomous institution under the ministry of culture. It had four major constituents, including the Nehru Memorial Museum, a library on modern India, a Centre for Contemporary Studies and the Nehru Planetarium built on Teen Murti Bhavan campus. The Pradhanmantri Sangrahalaya here was opened to the public in April last year

No casualty but heavy damage to power infra

A damaged electric transformer lies on the ground at Mandvi in Kutch district, around 100 km from Jakhau Port where the cyclone made landfall | AFP

DILIP SINGH KSHATRIYA @ Ahmedabad

CYCLONE Biparjoy that struck Gujarat on Thursday night unleashed a trail of destruction in coastal districts as it uprooted thousands of trees and electric poles, damaged houses and roads, and caused flooding in several coastal villages.

Nearly 4,600 villages were left without power as the cyclone damaged scores of transformers abd toppled as many as 5,120 electric poles. Personnel from the electricity department on Friday managed to restore power in 3,580 villages, state Relief Commissioner Alok Kumar Pandey said.

He said there were no casualties due to the cyclone but it caused extensive financial loss to the state. Officials have been directed to start the process to assess damage. "Not a single human death has been reported so far due to the cyclone. This has been possible because of our collective effort," he added.

Hundreds of trees were uprooted and traffic on three state highways came to a standstill, the officials said, adding that at least 23 people were injured due to cyclone-related incidents while many houses were damaged.

In all, as many as 1,137 trees were uprooted due to heavy winds and heavy rains, disrupting traffic in 263 roads across the state.

Cyclone moves to Raj

Several areas of Jalore and Barmer districts in Rajasthan witnessed heavy rain as the cyclone moved towards the desert state. A red alert has been sounded for Jalore and Barmer as 200 mm rainfall is expected

A cattle rearer and his son died in Bhavnagar district while trying to save their goats stuck in a flooded ravine. Bhavnagar Collector R K Mehta told this newspaper that the deaths were not due to the cyclone.

On Friday, Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel convened a meeting at the emergency operations centre in Gandhinagar to assess the state's position after the cyclone passed.

He asked collectors of the affected districts to do a survey to determine the extent of damage to property, infrastructure and crops.

According to officials, around 20 *kutcha* houses, nine *pucca* houses, and 65 huts were completely destroyed in the affected districts, while 474 *kutcha* dwellings and two *pucca* houses were partially damaged due to the cyclone.

'Denial' of rice: Congress plans protest on June 20

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

MEMBERS of the ruling Congress will stage a protest across the state against the Union Government on June 20 for "denying" rice which the Siddaramaiah government intended to distribute under its ambitious Anna Bhagya scheme.

"By denying rice to the state, the BJP government at the Centre is playing politics of hatred. The Centre's action is also anti-poor. We are opposing this and will protest across the state. Our government is committed to giving 10 kg rice to the poor," Deputy CM DK Shivakumar, who is also KPCC president, told reporters on Friday. He said to implement the Anna Bhagya scheme, the Congress government sought rice from the Food Corporation of India (FCI). But it refused to give rice to the state. "We want to raise awareness among the people about this," he added.

Slamming BJP for opposing the five guarantees of his party, Shivakumar said, "They (BJP) have been criticising us, but we went ahead with the schemes." P4

EXPRESS READ

Six years' rural service mandatory for medical officers

BENGALURU: The Karnataka Health Department has made a minimum of six years of rural service mandatory for all general duty medical officers. This is in light of those recruited or transferred to PHCs or CHCs in rural areas refusing to work there.

Women in Kolar try to tie up DCC bank official, say won't repay loan

KOLAR: Citing a purported statement of CM Siddaramaiah before the polls on loan waiver, women members of a self-help group from Bairukuru in Mulbagal tried to tie up a Kolar DCC Bank official on Friday, refusing to repay the loan they took. P4

SAND-LADEN TRACTOR KILLS KALABURAGI COP

RAMAKRISHNA BADSESHI @ Kalaburagi

A police head constable died on the spot after a tractor transporting sand illegally ran over him near Narayanpur village in Kalaburagi district at 10.45pm on Thursday.

The constable has been identified as **Mayur Chouhan**, alias Musuru (51). Chouhan was attached to Nelogi police station in Jewargi taluk. He hailed from Choudapur Thanda of Afzalpur taluk. Tractor driver Siddappa has been taken into custody. Kalaburagi SP Isha Pant told reporters that based on a complaint of rampant illegal mining and transport of sand from the banks of the Bhima river near Hullur village, police tightened vigil in the area. Chouhan and constable Pramod were posted there. P5

Court acquits main accused in Sowjanya murder case

BALA CHAUHAN @ Bengaluru

THE CBI court has acquitted Santhosh Rao, the main accused, in the infamous Sowjanya murder case for lack of evidence.

Sowjanya (17) was a second PU student of SDM College, Ujire, Belthangady taluk, Dakshina Kannada district, when she was raped and murdered.

She went missing on October 9, 2012, while returning home from college. Her father Chandrappa Gowda had filed a missing complaint at Belthangady police station. Sowjanya's body was found with "shocking and disturbing" injuries the next day in the bushes near Mannasanka, said sources privy to the case. "The perpetrator had violated her badly. The body was found with sand in her private parts. The accused had done so to either destroy evidence or for sadistic pleasure," they said.

After initial investigation by local police, the case was handed over to the Criminal Investigation Department (CID), which submitted a 15-page report to the government naming Rao, who was arrested on October 11 as the main accused. The CID gave a clean chit to four others accused in the case from Dharmasthala.

Said to be mentally unstable, Rao, a contract labourer from Bajagoli, Karkala, was subjected to psychiatric assessment at Nimhans. P5

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